

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 445**

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TO:	The Honorable Ronnie W. Cromer, Chairman, Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Flounder Population Study Program		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 445 amends Chapter 13, Title 50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the protection of fish by adding Section 50-13-2017. The Bill establishes a 5-year flounder population study program in the Murrells Inlet to Pawleys Island area to be administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The Bill provides guidelines for the study and penalties for violations.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Natural Resources reports that implementation of this new 5-year study would require 1.00 Biologist II and 0.50 Technician III at an annual estimated cost of \$65,251 (including \$58,751 for salaries and fringes and \$6,500 for boat charges, mileage and supplies) for five years.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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